

BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CF-13-06

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to ss. 281.59 and 289.61, Stats., interpreting s. 281.59 and 281.61, Stats., the Department of Natural Resources will hold a public hearing on the repeal of chs. NR 127, 128 and 160 and the repeal and recreation of ch. NR 166, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program. Chapters NR 127, 128 and 160 were the rules for grant programs that have been obsolete for more than 10 years due to changes in federal regulations and state statutes. Repealing these codes should eliminate any confusion their existence may cause about available funding programs.

Chapter NR 166 is being repealed and recreated to clarify the eligibility, procurement, amendment and scoring sections of the rule. The updated rule includes new subsections in the eligibility and amendments section of ch. NR 166 to write existing program policies into the rule. In addition, language is added to limit the refinancing of local governmental units' existing debt on projects that are already constructed. Some inconsistencies between ch. NR 162 on the Clean Water Fund program and ch. NR 166 are eliminated making administration of the two programs more efficient.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to s. 227.114, Stats., it is not anticipated that the proposed rule will have an economic impact on small businesses. The Department's Small Business Regulatory Coordinator may be contacted at SmallBusiness@dnr.state.wi.us or by calling (608) 266-1959.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Department has made a preliminary determination that this action does not involve significant adverse environmental effects and does not need an environmental analysis under ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code. However, based on the comments received, the Department may prepare an environmental analysis before proceeding with the proposal. This environmental review document would summarize the Department's consideration of the impacts of the proposal and reasonable alternatives.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the hearings will be held on:

<u>April 12, 2006</u>	Video conference participation will be available at:
Wednesday	Room G11, GEF #2 State Office Building, 101 South Webster St., Madison
10:00 a.m.	Room 139, State Office Building, 718 W. Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire
	Room 318, State Office Building, 200 N. Jefferson Street, Green Bay

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of information material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Jeanne Cargill at (608) 267-7587 with specific information on your request at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing.

The proposed rule and fiscal estimate may be reviewed and comments electronically submitted at the following Internet site: adminrules.wisconsin.gov. Written comments on the proposed rule may be submitted via U.S. mail to Ms. Jeanne Cargill, Bureau of Community Financial Assistance, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707. Comments may be submitted until April 26, 2006. Written comments whether submitted electronically or by U.S. mail will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearings. A personal copy of the proposed rule and fiscal estimate may be obtained from Ms. Cargill.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin March 16, 2006

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By Scott Hassett
Scott Hassett, Secretary